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1. Döberitz (Z65)

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On [REDACTED] two PO-2, four YAK-3, and four LA-5 aircraft were parked in front of closed hangars in the southern part of Döberitz airfield. There was no air activity and little traffic on both the field and the connecting Berlin-Rathenow road. The gasoline dump at the northern edge of the field has been camouflaged with foliage.

2. Staken (Z65)

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Hangars, test stands, and other installations along the northeast side of the field have been dismantled or destroyed. Installations in the southeast have not been changed. On [REDACTED] four LA-5's were standing before hangars in that area. There was no air activity or field traffic.

3. Werder (Z53)

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Hangars west of the field have been dismantled and their foundations destroyed. Two PO-2's were parked on the field, but there was no air activity on [REDACTED] 25X1A

4. Oranienburg (Z67)

Approximately 65 PE-2's, with engines, turrets and sensitive parts covered, were parked along the canal south of the field on [REDACTED] There was no air activity. Only one hangar is being used. Barracks between the field and the Berlinerstrasse are occupied in considerable strength by Soviet Air Force units and some parachute troops. 25X1A

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Comment: The originating office's last report on Oranienburg [REDACTED] stated that training was in progress with twelve PO-2's, six unidentified fighters and twelve twin-engine aircraft on 4 June 1948. No mention was made of parachute troops. 25X1X

5. Straussberg (V15)

No air activity noted at Straussberg when the field was visited on [REDACTED] 25X1A
Twenty-three DC-3's were parked in front of the hangars.

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6. Werneuchen (V06)

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Sixty-three PE-2's were parked on the field, [REDACTED] Additional PE-2's in [REDACTED] 25X1A

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hangars were estimated at about 100. During the observation period there were continuous take-offs and landings by PE-2's singly and in threes. Ten flat cars, filled with scrap iron from Soviet aircraft, were parked near the Nerneuchen station.

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Comment: On [redacted] another source [redacted] reported training flights at Nerneuchen with six two-seaters, two YAK-9's, and five PO-2's.)

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Nelzow (A44)

Approximately twenty-five IL-2's were seen at Nelzow on [redacted]. There was no air activity at this field, which supplements the larger field at Cottbus.

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a. The Cottbus field seemed abandoned when source visited it. The field was empty and hangars were shut. Local residents said, however, that the hangars contained aircraft and during the night source, by dint of peering through breaks in the brickwork of one hangar (there are five in all), was able to discern fourteen IL-2's.

b. The wooded area west of the field contains a bomb dump. It is under guard and a double barbed wire fence is under construction. Source roughly estimates that the dump held 900 bombs with a diameter of 25 cm and 110-120 cm long, and 200 approximately 150-160 cm long and 30-35 cm in diameter. All were believed to be live, not cement, bombs.

c. A map of Cottbus airfield appears as Attachment I to this report.

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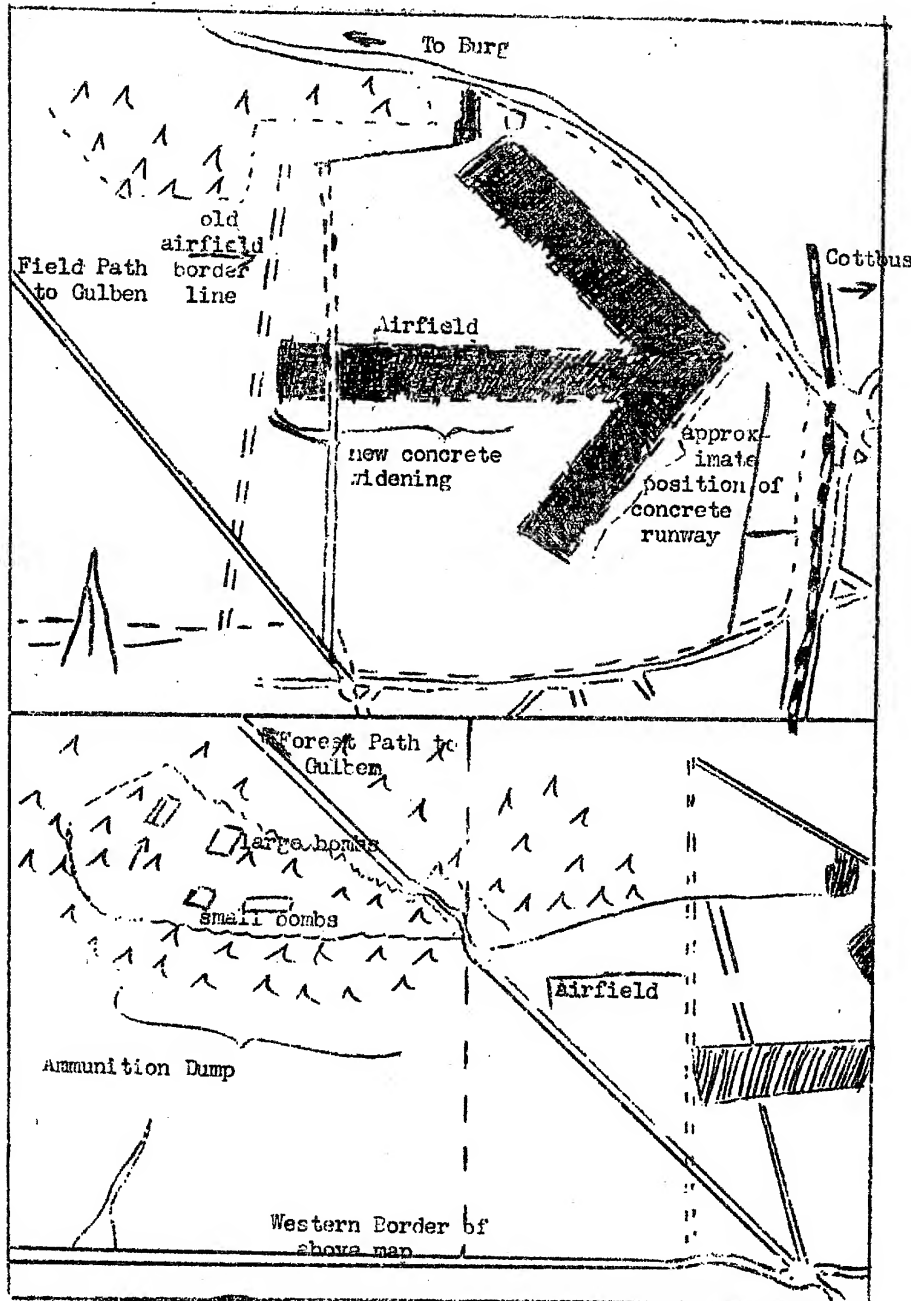
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Attachment I

Sketch Map of Cottbus Airfield



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